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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AMBASSADOR LEONARD -- TALKING POINTS

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1. THIS MESSAGE COMPLETES THE SERIES OF TALKING POINTS ON
KUWAITI CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNDP, UNICEF, UNRWA AND UNFDAC.

2. UNDP

--AS THE SINGLE LARGEST SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE IN THE WORLD, UNDP PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN
PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SO NECESSARY TO DEVELOPMENT
AND TO INCREASING THE SELF-RELIANCE OF DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. IT S WORK IS HIGHLY COMPLEMENTARY TO THE
CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE WORLD BANK AND THE
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS.

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--WE COMMEND KUWAIT FOR GENEROUSLY HAVING RELINQUISHED ITS
FUTURE CLAIM ON UNDP'S RESOURCES, I.E., FOR GIVING UP THE
INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURE. THIS WILL PERMIT SCARCE
RESOURCES TO BE USED IN THE POORER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD
ON MUCH NEEDED PROJECTS.

--THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL IN 1976 ESTABLISHED BY

CONSENSUS A GOAL OF INCREASING UNDP'S RESOURCES BY AN ANNUAL COMPOUND RATE OF 14 DURING THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT CYCLE 1977-81. RESULTS FOR THE FIRST YEAR WERE DISAPPOINTING AS ONLY A 12.2 PERCENT INCREASE WAS OBTAINED ALTHOUGH SOME COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., EXCEEDED THE ANNUAL GOAL.

--WE ENCOURAGE KUWAIT TO RECONSIDER THE \$500 THOUSAND CONTRIBUTION LEVEL REGISTERED IN 1977 AND 1978 WITH A VIEW TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO UNDP, IN LINE WITH KUWAIT'S AUGUMENTED CAPABILITY TO HELP LESS WELL-OFF ECONOMIES. VANCE

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